



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5172

LCO No. 764

Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:

REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th Dist.

REP. O'CONNOR, 35th Dist.

REP. MIOLI, 136th Dist.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT HEALTHY STEPS PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That titles 38a and 17b of the general statutes be amended to
2 establish the Connecticut Healthy Steps Program, consisting of
3 numerous health insurance requirements, HUSKY program changes,
4 and public health initiatives, including: (1) The establishment of (A)
5 the Health Care Reform Commission, (B) the Connecticut Connector
6 program and the Health Reinsurance Association as the administrator
7 of such program, (C) the Connecticut Individual Health Reinsurance
8 Pool, (D) the Healthy Lifestyles subcommittee, (E) the Connecticut
9 Health Quality Partnership, (F) a tax credit for employers who offer
10 health insurance to employees, (G) a health savings account incentive
11 program, and (H) a premium subsidy program; (2) the authorization of
12 a copayment for Medicaid recipients who use an emergency room for
13 nonemergency services; (3) a study of Connecticut's uninsured

14 residents and health care programs available to them; and (4) a
15 requirement to make certain affordable health care plans available to
16 certain individuals and employers through the Health Reinsurance
17 Association.

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the availability and affordability of health insurance benefits to all Connecticut residents.